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Summary:

(October 20, 2004)-Mary Louise Pratt, Silver Professor of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures at New York University, will deliver the annual Barber Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, in Oyate Hall.

Pratt is a scholar of postcolonial criticism and theory, Latin American literature, and modern prose fiction, and author of numerous books and articles. She also served as the president of the Modern Language Association.

In her lecture, titled "Language and Contemporary Geopolitics," she'll speak about the clashes between ideologies of monolingualism in the U.S. and the newly perceived demands of national security, offering concepts and tools for thinking about the place of language in contemporary global dynamics.

The Barber Lecture series is made possible by a gift to UMM from Drs. Laird H. and the late Dorothy K. Barber, both professors of English with long and distinguished careers at UMM. The lecture series, which began in 1999, is shared between English and the Foreign Languages and Literatures disciplines. Free and open to the public.

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